

18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIFE SCIENCES CONFERENCE • APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 2025

**NAME BADGES** are required to be worn throughout the entire event including the evening sessions.

**BUSINESS CARDS** are recommended. There will be ample networking opportunities.

As a courtesy to our program, we ask that attendees are seated a couple of minutes prior to the start of the daily Welcome.

## NAME BADGE / CHECK-IN:

Tuesday, April 29                      8:30am – 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 30                8:00am – 4:30pm

Thursday, May 1                        8:00am – 9:30am

We are unable to check attendees in for badges outside of these days/times. Plan accordingly.

## HEALTH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

If you do not feel well or are experiencing any cold, flu or covid symptoms, please respect the health and safety of others and do not attend the event.

## DIVERSE YELLOW PAGES (DYP) PROVIDED BY LSInextGen

During your stay in New Jersey, support a variety of local businesses by using Diverse Yellow Pages.

[diverseyp.com](http://diverseyp.com)

## DURING THE EVENT

### ATTIRE

Business Casual & comfy shoes. We suggest you bring a sweater. The ballrooms tend to run on the cold side, and we are unable to adjust temperatures.

#### SNEAKER DAY- THURSDAY

A DA4S tradition. Wear your best sneakers.

### WI-FI

#### Sponsored by PATIENTWING

- » Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in the Ballroom area.
- » Please reserve this to one device per attendee.
- » WI-FI CODE: **PATIENTWING**

### MOBILE APP

#### Sponsored by JURISOLUTIONS

- ✓ Download the Event App and utilize it throughout the conference.
- ✓ Access the hotel map, attendee list, schedule of events & more!
- ✓ Instructions on how to access the App is emailed.

Powered by **EVENTDEX**

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Step & Repeat is set up in the Ballroom Foyer during the conference. Please take photos/selfies throughout the event & tag us. **#DA4S #DA4SEVENTS #DA4S2025**

Be sure to follow us on social media!

### PHOTOS & VIDEOS

There is a photographer & videographer capturing moments of the event throughout the conference. If you do not wish to be captured on camera, please inform them directly.

### FRESH JUICE BAR

#### Sponsored by KEANE INSIGHTS

Enjoy freshly made juice with ingredients of your choice on Wednesday and Thursday morning!

Network in line while waiting!

### COFFEE LOUNGE – SPONSORS ONLY

#### Sponsored by AMI

- » Our Coffee Lounge will be open Tuesday – Thursday for all **companies sponsoring this event.**

**Tuesday** • 12:00pm – 4:00pm

**Wednesday** • 8:00am – 5:00pm

**Thursday** • 8:30am – 12:00pm

- » Attendees with a Sponsor badge may enter the lounge to enjoy a specialty coffee and network with other sponsors.
- » If you join us, consider leaving a gratuity for the Barista!

Coffee Lounge may be busy at times.

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## MEMBERS ONLY DAY – Tuesday

The following are **invite-only/closed sessions**:

9:00am – Mentorship Program Kick-Off

10:15am – Pitch Competition Rehearsal

1:30pm – Elevate! Program

## SPIRAL – Tuesday • 11:00am - 1:00pm

This is an open session for ALL Supplier Members.

### Connect – Voices & Vision

SPIRAL and the DA4S Board meet to listen, learn, and shape programming rooted in what suppliers need most.

### Cultivate – Regional Roots

Break into geographic groups to plant seeds for ongoing support, local collaboration, and shared growth.

### Collaborate – Supplier Matchmaking

Discover new partners, spark fresh ideas, and explore synergies through supplier-to-supplier connections.

## MENTORSHIP PITCH COMPETITION – Tuesday

This session is open to all Members attending the event. Come listen to the outgoing Mentorship class present their pitches in front of the judges at our annual competition!

## KEYNOTE & GUEST SPEAKER

**Wednesday • 11:20am - 12:30pm**

Our Keynote and Guest Speaker each will have their books available for attendees to grab a copy and get them signed.

Meet our Guest Speaker in the Foyer at 10:45am and our Keynote Speaker in the Foyer at 12:35pm.

## ROUNDTABLE CONNECTIONS – Thursday • 10:45am-12:15pm

- » Each table will have one Corporate Host. Suppliers select a table to sit at to meet the corporation.
- » There will be a list of commodities each corporate host is looking to meet. Look for that information on the event app and onsite at the event to plan your time wisely.
- » Each round will be approximately 20 minutes. Then you rotate to another table. There will be a total of 4 rotations.
- » If more than one person per company is attending, we recommend that you each sit at different tables.
- » Bring your **business cards** and your 30 Second Pitch ready to go!
- » Corporates – please be seated on time at your assigned table.
- » Be mindful – this is not a 1:1 session. Please allow others at the table to also speak.
- » **SUPPLIERS – please do not leave the table you are seated at until the round ends!**  
Do not join tables after the round begins.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- » Raffle tickets will be sold Tuesday & Wednesday.
- » Drawing to be held at the Wednesday Dinner.
- » Funds raised support our Community Outreach Program.
- » Credit card and cash accepted.
- » **Buy 4 Raffle Tickets for \$20!**

## GENERAL & BREAKOUT SESSIONS

We have a full agenda and will make every effort to start and end on time.

As a courtesy to our program, we ask that attendees be seated a couple minutes prior to the start of each session. We have dynamic speakers and panelists scheduled so be sure not to miss our sessions!

We have two very informative Breakout Sessions on Wednesday afternoon. Refer to our website and event app for more information.

## OPEN NETWORKING TIME

**Wednesday • 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

A perfect afternoon break for attendees to meet and network throughout the hotel.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS NETWORKING TIME!**

## MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

Our membership committee will be available throughout the conference. Look for them wearing Lei bracelets.

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## EVENT MEALS

**TUESDAY Meals on your own.** Please plan accordingly.  
Members Welcome Reception (5:30pm -7:00pm).  
Cash Bar for Beverages. Appetizers available.  
This is not dinner.

## WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Continental Breakfast & Buffet Lunch will be available for attendees.
- The Jr. Ballroom and Ballroom Foyer will be available for seating for Breakfast.
- Lunch Buffet is served with seating available in the Grand Ballroom.
- Our Breakout Sessions take place in the Jr. Ballroom and will start promptly following lunch.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER

- Our popular Evening Dinner & Networking is for all attendees.
- Cash Bar is available! Enjoy a variety of food stations.
- Buy Raffle Tickets and take photos at the photo booth!
- Come network, eat, dance and have some fun.
- 100 Drink Tickets sponsored by **ALLY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

## THURSDAY BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Continental Breakfast will be available for attendees.
- The Jr. Ballroom and Ballroom Foyer will be available for seating for Breakfast.
- Grab & Go Lunch Box will be available following the end of our conference.

## DIETARY & ALLERGY RESTRICTIONS

The hotel has noted them for everyone who indicated this on their registration. If you need a specific dietary meal, please ask a hotel staff member, they will gladly accommodate.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### ROOM RESERVATION

- » Please confirm your reservation with the hotel prior to arrival and make any requests ahead of time directly with hotel.
- » If you need to cancel your room, do so within the cancellation period to avoid charges.
- » The hotel is unable to guarantee early check-ins or late check-outs. We are not able to assist you with no show cancellations.
- » Please do not call general reservations, call the hotel directly.

### HOTEL PARKING

Self-Parking Overnight Hotel Guests – \$30.00 + tax per car.  
Daily Self-Parking Rate – \$18.00 for a maximum of (12) hours.

**CHECK-IN TIME** is 4:00pm – The hotel will check you in sooner if rooms are available.

**LUGGAGE STORAGE** –The Bell Desk can safely store your luggage at check-in or check-out.  
For security reasons, you **MUST** use a Bell Desk attendant.

**DINING OPTIONS** – (Be patient at the restaurant. Allow enough time to get your meals)  
Hotel Restaurant – Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. In-room dining is also available.  
M Club is open for Bonvoy Members with access.

**GYM** – access is available for all hotel guests.

**IN-ROOM WI-FI** is complimentary for Bonvoy Members (free to join). Confirm your Bonvoy # is added to your hotel reservation.

**HOUSEKEEPING GRATUITY** – Please remember to leave gratuity upon hotel check-out for the housekeeping staff.

**The Marriott Hotel and DA4S are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.  
We STRONGLY advise you to not leave any personal items unattended  
in any areas of the hotel throughout the event.**

### AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE

The hotel shuttle to/from the EWR airport terminals is available on a first come, first served basis and has limited seating capacity (15 guests with luggage). The shuttle does run 24/7 so plan accordingly. Please remember to tip the driver if you use this service.

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APRIL 29	<b>TUESDAY • MEMBERS ONLY DAY</b>		
	8:30AM – 5:30PM	CONFERENCE BADGE CHECK-IN	WEST LOBBY
	9:00AM – 10:00AM	MENTORSHIP 2025-2026 ORIENTATION (INVITE ONLY)	JR. BALLROOM
	10:15AM – 10:45AM	PITCH COMPETITION REHEARSAL (INVITE ONLY)	JR. BALLROOM
	11:00AM – 1:00PM	SPIRAL SESSION	JR. BALLROOM
	12:00PM – 4:00PM	COFFEE LOUNGE OPEN (SPONSORS ONLY)	LINCOLN/COLUMBIA
	1:00PM – 3:00PM	INFORMAL MEETUP – 1ST TIME ATTENDEES	HOTEL RESTAURANT
	1:30PM – 2:30PM	ELEVATE! PROGRAM (INVITE ONLY)	JR. BALLROOM
	3:30PM – 5:00PM	MENTORSHIP PITCH COMPETITION	JR. BALLROOM
5:30PM – 7:00PM	MEMBERS ONLY WELCOME RECEPTION (Cash Bar and Appetizers)	OUTDOOR PATIO	

APRIL 30	<b>WEDNESDAY • CONFERENCE DAY 1</b>		
	8:00AM – 4:30PM	CONFERENCE BADGE CHECK-IN	WEST LOBBY
	8:00AM – 5:00PM	COFFEE LOUNGE OPEN (SPONSORS ONLY)	LINCOLN/COLUMBIA
	8:00AM – 9:00AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING	BALLROOM FOYER
	9:00AM – 9:15AM	WELCOME & LEADERSHIP REMARKS	GRAND BALLROOM
	9:15AM – 10:00AM	THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF DEI	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:00AM – 10:30AM	SUCCESS STORIES	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:30AM – 10:45AM	MENTORSHIP PITCH COMPETITION (Winners Announced)	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:45AM – 11:00AM	BREAK	
	11:00AM – 11:20AM	PROGRAM UPDATES	GRAND BALLROOM
	11:20AM – 12:30PM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	GRAND BALLROOM
	12:30PM – 1:30PM	BUFFET LUNCH	GRAND BALLROOM
	1:30PM – 1:45PM	BREAK	
	1:45PM – 2:45PM	<b>BREAKOUT 1: Strengthening Value, Excellence &amp; Competitive Edge in The Global Supply Chain</b>	JR. BALLROOM
	2:45PM – 3:00PM	BREAK	
	3:00PM – 4:00PM	<b>BREAKOUT 2: Future-Proofing Supplier Inclusion: Strategy, Compliance &amp; Business Impact</b>	JR. BALLROOM
	4:00PM – 6:00PM	NETWORKING BREAK	
6:00PM – 9:00PM	EVENING DINNER RECEPTION	GRAND BALLROOM	

MAY 1	<b>THURSDAY • CONFERENCE DAY 2</b>		
	8:00AM – 9:30AM	CONFERENCE BADGE CHECK-IN	WEST LOBBY
	8:15AM – 9:00AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING	BALLROOM FOYER
	8:30AM – 12:00PM	COFFEE LOUNGE OPEN (SPONSORS ONLY)	LINCOLN/COLUMBIA
	9:00AM – 9:10AM	DAY 2 KICK OFF	GRAND BALLROOM
	9:10AM – 10:00AM	EIGHT THAT INNOVATE	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:00AM – 10:15AM	DA4S BOD PRESIDENT REMARKS	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:15AM – 10:30AM	EIGHT THAT INNOVATE – WINNERS ANNOUNCED	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:30AM – 10:45AM	BREAK	
	10:45AM – 12:15PM	ROUNDTABLE CONNECTIONS	GRAND & JR. BALLROOMS
	12:15PM	<b>END PROGRAM</b>	